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For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR A HYBRID
CLOCK AND PROXY AUCTION

REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION
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Dear Sir:

Attached is form PTO/SB/44 requesting a Certificate of Correction for the above-referenced patent.

The correction is due to a typographical error by the patentee. The correction involves claim 1 of the patent, which is also claim 1 of the application. Claim 1 was amended on March 30, 2009. Claim 1 was allowed in the following action of July 13, 2009. In the following amendment of Oct. 13, 2009 claim 1 was shown as "previously presented" (i.e., specifically on March 30, 2009). However there were typographical errors so that claim 1 as presented in the amendment of Oct 13, 2009 was not identical to claim 1 as presented in the amendment of March 30, 2009. The instant correction conforms claim 1 to reproduce the March 30, 2009 amendment. The correction does not involve new matter or require re-examination.

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It is certified that an error appears or errors appear in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

In claim 1, column 47 stating at line 53, please replace the claim as follows:

--1. A method implemented in a system comprising a first computer and at least one other computer which is located remotely from the first computer and interconnected by a communication system, said method for conducting an auction of a plurality of items wherein the first computer receives bids and determines an allocation of at least one of the items, the auction including a dynamic auction phase followed by a later phase, the later phase comprising a package auction, the method comprising:

    a) implementing the dynamic auction phase on at least one of said computers, said dynamic auction phase comprising:

    a1) receiving bids on at least one of said computers from at least one bidder, said bids including at least an indicator of at least one of the items;

    a2) determining whether the dynamic auction phase of the auction should continue, based on received bids;

    a3) outputting auction information; and

    a4) repeating a1) – a3) if the dynamic auction phase of the auction is determined to continue;

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b) changing from the dynamic auction phase to the later phase, following a determination not to continue the dynamic auction phase; and

c) implementing the later phase of the auction on said first computer, the later phase comprising a package auction, said later phase comprising:

c1) receiving bids at the first computer from at least one bidder using the at least one other computer, said bids including at least an indicator of a package of items and an associated price for the package; and

c2) determining on the first computer an allocation of at least one of the items to one of the bidders based on received bids. --